

8.2 Barriers to Health Care

Cost

- Health care costs in Canada are rising as the population ages and as new techniques become available
- Issue: What services should and should not be or not be paid for by the health care system?

Cost

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Health Literacy

- Being able to read and comprehend what doctors tell you about diagnosis and treatment
- Also need to be able to follow complicated medication regimes

Health Literacy

- Stigma associated with poor literacy
- Questioning doctors advice
- Clinical language and literature
Inappropriate

Facilities for People With Disabilities

- Knowledge Barrier
- Architectural Barriers
- Attitude Barrier

Income

- People in the top quintile are healthier than those in the second quintile

Two Tier System

- Only the elderly and the very poor have access to public health coverage
- Those who can afford to purchase their own health plan
- Some offered by work

Two Tier System

- MRI
- Would a two tier system create another barrier to health care?
- Or is it a sensible way of reducing public health costs and allowing individuals to purchase medical services?